

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS of Senior Student Members, most of whom are engaging in special employment during the summer, will be suspended for the summer vacation, to be resumed in September.

Three meetings for Junior Student Members have been scheduled for July. On Thursday, July 12, a surprise program will be presented in Room 214, Simson African Hall, at 2:00 o'clock. The following week there will be a field trip to Moss Beach, details of which will be announced at the meeting on July 12. On Thursday, July 26, there will be a discussion meeting in Room 214, Simson African Hall, at 2:00 p.m. Motion pictures will be shown.

The summer program of Museum Nature hours, open to all children above the age of eight, will feature field trips, some of which will be preceded by discussion meetings in Room 214, Simson African Hall. Field trips will be held each Wednesday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock beginning on Wednesday, June 27; and each Saturday morning at 10:15 o'clock beginning on Saturday, June 30. The destination of the field trips will not be announced in advance except in special cases. For all field trips, meet on the steps of Simson African Hall. Bring car fare.

Miss Joanne Taylor, a graduate of the University of Michigan, has been employed to assist Miss Alice Mulford, Supervisor of Junior Activities, in carrying on the summer program.

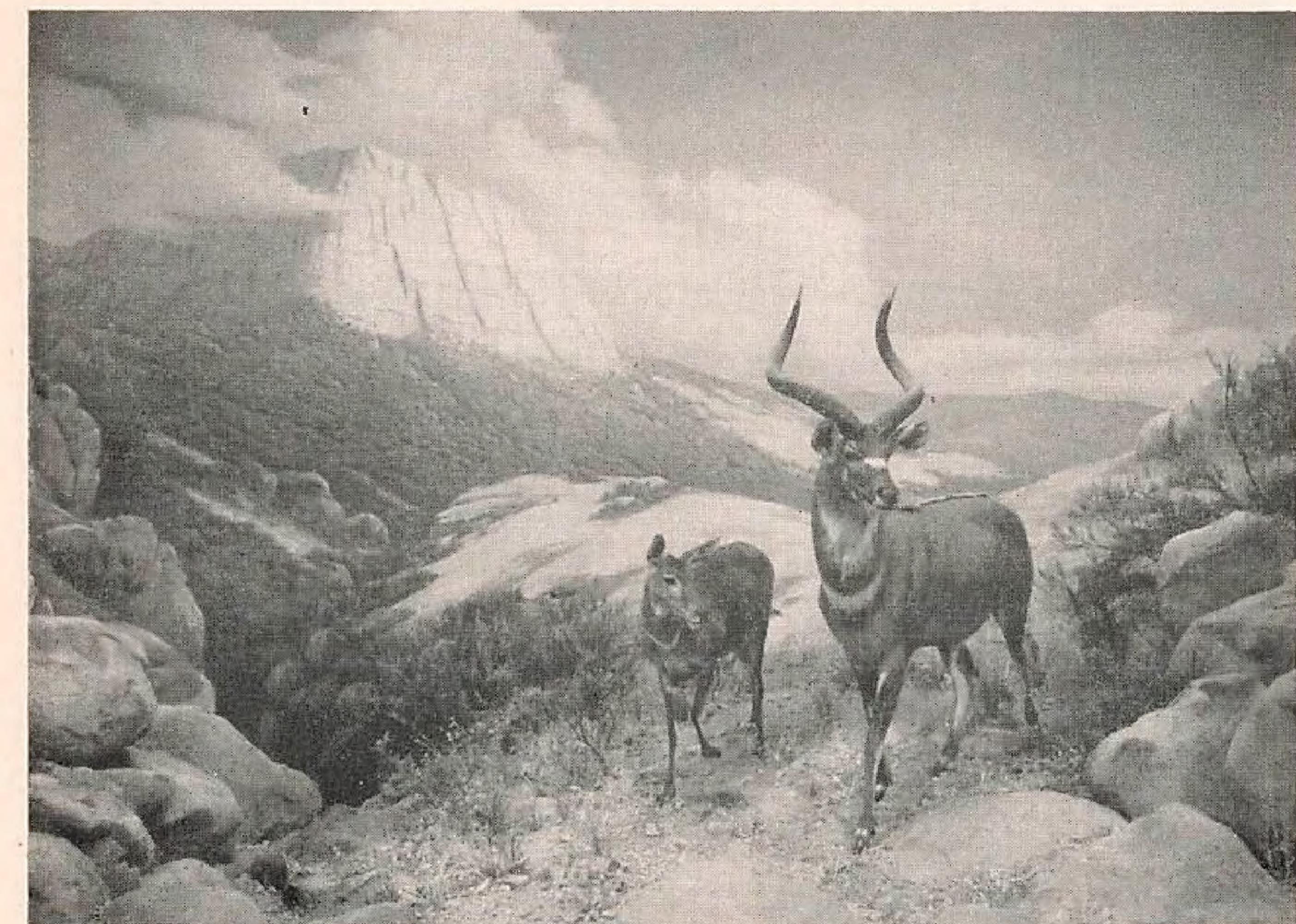
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July Announcement

THE REGULAR JULY MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences will be held in the Assembly Room (third floor) of the San Francisco Public Library on Thursday evening, July 5, 1945, at 7:30 o'clock. The speaker will be Dr. Ira L. Wiggins, Professor of Botany at Stanford University, who will take as his subject:

CUSTOMS AND COSTUMES OF ECUADOR

Professor Wiggins spent the period from May to December, 1944, in Ecuador, under the auspices of the United States Foreign Economic Administration. His mission was to seek in the Ecuadorian jungles new stands of Cinchona trees, or of related species which might serve as additional sources of much-needed quinine. During his stay in Ecuador Dr. Wiggins had abundant opportunity to observe and photograph people and places in this colorful land that lies athwart the earth's equator. His lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides in Kodachrome.

The public is cordially invited to hear Dr. Wiggins.



APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given to all Corporate Members that the Council at its meeting on June 21, 1945, approved the applications of Mr. Sidney Golinsky, Mr. William B. Richardson and Miss Joanne Taylor for *Membership*, and

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of Mr. John L. Hartmire, Mr. Michael Lasky, Mr. Howard Morrow, and Mr. Gregory Wilbur for *Student Membership* in the California Academy of Sciences. If no objection to the election of these applicants be received at the office of the Academy within two weeks after June 29, they will be considered elected.

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VISIT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATES

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS of recent weeks at the California Academy of Sciences was a visit from Field Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, and other members of the South African delegation to the United Nations Conference. Conducted on a tour through the Simson African Hall, the delegates expressed great appreciation of the manner in which the beauty of the scenery and wildlife of the African continent has been portrayed. In striking testimony to the accuracy of the backgrounds prepared under the direction of the late Frank Tose, the Prime Minister animatedly pointed out and named mountains and other landmarks with which he is familiar.

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NEW EXHIBITS FOR JULY

THE DISPLAY of birds of the San Francisco Bay region in the Academy's North American Hall has been supplemented by a series of nests, eggs, photographs and maps of migration routes which correlate with the mounted specimens exhibited.

The fluorescent mineral exhibit has been reorganized by Mr. William B. Pitts, Honorary Curator of Gem Minerals. The specimens have been rearranged and new specimens added, and the lighting has been altered to provide a spectacular, uninterrupted fluorescent illumination.

A selection of butterflies from the Holbrook collection has been placed on exhibit in a case near the entrance to the North American Hall.

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ATTENTION CALIFORNIANS, INC.

A LETTER from the Island of Trinidad was recently received at the Academy, addressed as follows: "California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco 18, California." In the lower left-hand corner, a postal employee at the point of origin had written in a neat, round hand, "Try United States America."

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